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Hello,

I would like to add my voice to those that are concerned that the proposed settlement in the Microsoft Anti-Trust case is quite inadequate.

The main problem lies in that the remedy barely proposes sanctions on Microsoft. It does not in any way address divesting it's monopoly.

If Microsoft is allowed to retain all rights to it's IP, then we might as well start calling ourselves the United States of Microsoft. The only hope for the future of computing to not be bound by what Microsoft wishes, lies with alternative operating systems. The catch-22 is that because they are the monopoly, other software companies only want to produce products for their platform.

A separate body must be made to encourage the growth of alternative Operating systems, and to encourage software vendor support of them.

Thanks for your time,

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